

DERRICK IS SHIPPED

Casing Already on the Ground for Drilling at Overbrook.

A huge derrick, which has been in use at the state hospital, is being prepared for shipment today to Overbrook where it will be used in drilling oil wells next week. Two carloads of pipe have been received at the little town and are being hauled to the Daniels farm, two and one-half miles southwest of Overbrook, where the first well will be drilled. Drilling will continue until Mississippi lime stone is reached unless oil is found before the limestone is struck. But should those drilling not find oil

in the first well they will continue and drill three wells on the one farm. The Red Line Oil and Gas company of Topeka, formerly the McClintock syndicate and the Indian Territory illuminating oil company are working together on the project. Some well known Topeka people are connected with the Red Line Oil and Gas company, which recently has become a corporation.

Notifies U. S. Prisoners Free.

Washington, May 6.—Ambassador Page at London today communicated to the state department the British government's official notification that, yielding to the representations of the United States, it would release the 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks taken by a British cruiser from the American steamer China, near Shanghai.

BURYING DODD'S DEAD AT MINACA STRANGE SCENE

Blearyed, Ragged Soldiers Weep at Heroes' Graves.

Mules Pallbearers of Victims of Tomachic Fight.

WITH MILITARY HONORS

Seventh Cavalrymen Laid Away in Shabby Cemetery.

Lieutenant Reads Ninety-First Psalm at Last Rites.

BY DAMON RUNYON.

In the field in Mexico, May 6.—Down the long road that leads from the town of Tomachic to the town of Minaca, there passed last Sunday a weird array of bewildered, bleary-eyed, ragged men astride stumbling horses and sagging burros, in what was at once a funeral cortege, the strangest and saddest funeral cortege that could possibly be conceived, and a triumphal procession.

It was the return of Colonel George Dodd and his Seventh Cavalrymen from the victory over the Villa bandits at Tomachic, bringing with them their dead and wounded.

At the tail of the column plodded two weary mules.

Each mule bore a burden that could scarcely be mistaken.

Even the Mexican peons in the fields along the road understood the significance of those grisly bundles strapped across the backs of the long-eared animals and lifted their hats respectfully. Thrown lengthwise over the withers of the dumb pall bearers and secured neck to feet by ropes that ran like girths under the bellies of the mules so the poor torn bodies of the two American troopers who died at Tomachic came to the town of Minaca, with the dust of Dodd's victorious column as their funeral shroud.

A Dumb Procession. There was no music. There was little talking. There was only the rattle of hoofs on the dusty road and the rattle of accoutrements as the cortege passed. Red eyes gleamed at the observer from behind masses of dusty whiskers and there was an occasional subdued exclamation as a trooper spoke to a tottering horse and then the procession passed on, ragged and dirty, and their dead went on behind them.

A captain, noted as he walks the road of peace and plenty for the impeccability of his attire, wore a pair of Mexican teguas, or native shoes, not really shoes at all, but wrappings of leather, on his feet.

A lieutenant had a Mexican hat on his head. Non-commissioned officers and private soldiers wore Mexican and Mexican coats and all wore trappings of rude patchings and makeshift apparel.

Thus they came and thus they passed, fresh from their victory at Tomachic, and behind them on the plodding mules they brought their soldier dead. They buried them Sunday afternoon in a remote corner of the shabby little town of Minaca.

That was the strangest and saddest scene of this whole campaign.

Permission was secured from the Mexican authorities at Minaca to give the Americans a soldier burial, according to the code of the United States army. Most of Dodd's command was present at the interment. A truck train just reached Minaca that afternoon and the dust stained dare devils of the gas hogs that ply the trails between the so-called American front and the border, attended the services.

They stood in the group about the graves, their dusty caps in hand and the whites of their eyes showing through their inevitable masks of grime.

A wide trench had been dug in the remote corner of the shabby little cemetery, well apart from the weed-grown graves of the Mexican dead. Rude boxes had been knocked together by the soldiers to take the place of coffins. The dead men were wrapped in their own olive drab blankets, which were stenciled with their regiment and with their company number, as are the blankets of all soldiers, and besides the blankets mantles were also wrapped about each corpse. A mantle is the section of canvas used to cover the packs on the backs of the pack animals.

When all was ready and the boxes were lowered into the trench, a lieutenant of the Seventh stepped forward with a tattered little Testament in his hand. They used to call him "The Millionaire Corporal" when he was in the signal corps, and stopped at the Willard hotel in Washington as an enlisted man, to the horror of the elite, but he is a lieutenant now.

The Last Rites. From his tattered little Testament he read the Ninety-First Psalm, reading in a low voice, but it carried over the silent throng—silent save for an occasional sniffle from some soldier. In the background stood a number of Mexican residents of the town of Minaca, hats in hands, gazing wonderingly at the scene.

When the lieutenant finished reading, a trumpeter came up and from the twisted brass tubes of his cavalry bugle flowered forth notes of "Taps," beginning soft and sweetly low, and then rising and filling until the soldiers' farewell carried up and far away. Maybe the cavalry bugle note that he will in the valley where Minaca squats in dust and squalor; maybe it carried clear to the spot where poor Don McGregor lies buried with a score of Carranza soldiers, and, if so, maybe it carried him into something of that hope for his eternal peace that is in the hearts of all his friends.

Don McGregor was a consumptive newspaperman from Denver and Chicago. He was killed in Minaca by the Villa a few weeks ago, at a time when they split Blankenburg, the German, wide open with a sabre, and he is buried in the hills.

"Taps," containing the names and the circumstances of their death in the graves of the dead soldiers; they put up rude head boards, and then Dodd's column remounted their horses and burros and went on down the road and the dusty demons of the gasoline fliers climb back into

their seats and resumed their cussing where they left off.

Back in that shabby little cemetery in a shabby little town of Minaca, the soldier dead, and the wondering natives still go that way to stare at the mounds that mark the resting place of "Los Gringos."

How They Died.

One of the soldiers was shot through the head in a charge up a hill in the Tomachic fight. He died instantly. The other was a governor's scout killed in the town when the fight first started. He stood near an adobe house, the reins of a number of horses gathered in his fingers, watching the scrap and dodging cover. A bullet hit him in the stomach. He crumpled up slowly and easily. He made no outcry, but just whimpered a little as he was sinking to the ground.

He had been hit by a sniper firing from a cave high up the hillside. Almost immediately the sniper was killed by Charley Tracey, a scout from Douglas, Ariz., who was guiding Dodd's column, who stood near the stricken soldier and who dropped the sniper with a government Springfield rifle at "battle sight," or 500 yards.

The soldier did not die for some hours. Then the end came to him in "dodge" being used for a temporary hospital. There were a number of soldiers in the room where he was lying, suffering great pain with stone fever, when Tracey, the scout, entered to inquire about the wounded. All the soldiers hailed Tracey, who had become rather famous among the men of Dodd's column, and the mortally wounded trooper recognized the scout's voice.

"Ray, Tracey," he called, weakly, "how many did you get?"

And that was all.

LOGAN HIGHS WON

Norton Second in Annual Sixth District Track Meet.

Close Contest Marked Day; Seven Schools in Meet.

Norton, Kan., May 6.—Logan high school won the annual Sixth district track meet here Friday with a total of 32 points. Norton was second with 29 points and Almena took third with a total of 25. The schools taking part in the meet were Norton, Logan, Smith Center, Almena, Phillipsburg, Goodland and Agra.

For several years past Norton has walked away with first in the annual track meet but was unable to defeat the Logan team. The contests were close and Logan led Norton by only three points. Almena was only thirty behind Norton. The day was ideal and the attendance was large. The events and winners were:

50-yard dash: Ayers, Almena, first; Hays, Smith Center, second. Pole vault: Keeckley, Agra, first; King, Logan, second. 100-yard dash: Ayers, Almena, first; Clark, Logan, second. Half mile: Brady, Logan, first; Scott, Logan, second. High jump: Ayers, Almena, first; Vance, Phillipsburg, second. 220-yard dash: Clark, Logan, first; Hays, Smith Center, second. 220 low hurdle: Vance, Phillipsburg, first; Reed, Norton, second. Shot put: Dutham, Norton, first; Kolesaney, Goodland, second. 440-yard dash: Clark, Logan, first; Ayers, Almena, second. Mile run: Brady, Logan, first; Mosher, Logan, second. Broad jump: Ayers, Almena, first; Discus: Bowers, Norton, first; Shulze, Norton, second. High hurdles: Vance, Phillipsburg, first; Stoddard, Norton, second. Relay: Norton, first; Logan, second.

HIGHLAND PARK NOTES

Mrs. John Moneykenny of near Vinewood was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Cross, Thursday.

Miss Ruby Edgar spent the day last Saturday in Kansas City.

Regular services at the church Sunday morning. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, preaching services at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Martin.

Mrs. Ed Reese of Chicago, has returned home after a short visit with her brother, Mr. A. B. Smith and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Hattie Evans, wife of Wesley Evans, died last Sunday evening at her home, Twenty-first and Maryland avenues. She is survived by her husband and one son. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. The Evans family have lived in Highland park the past year.

Miss Helen Rosen entertained a few of her girl friends at her home Wednesday evening. Her guests were: Miss Inez Bertride, Miss Avis King, Miss Bertha Bailey, Miss Ruth Peck, Miss Lela Bailey, Miss Edith Marsh and Miss Mary Evans.

Preparations are being made by the pupils of the Highland Park school for their "May Fete" which will be held on the school grounds May 12.

Miss Clara Chubb, who had been ill with the "grip" for some time and recovered is now confined to her home with an attack of the measles.

Dr. and Mrs. DeObert entertained at dinner Thursday evening, Mr. H. A. Hodgins, Miss Gene Hodgins and Miss Betsy Kingsbury.

The mid-week prayer meeting will be held at the A. B. Smith home Wednesday evening of next week.

Miss Ruth Fry of Richmond, visited with her sister, Miss Grace Fry Thursday.

The members of the Chalmers club will have their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. DeObert.

You will miss a good chance if you don't get acquainted with "Mr. Bob" presented by the Self Improvement Club next Friday evening, May 12.

Mrs. W. H. Havekoot of Berryton, spent last week visiting at the home of Rev. C. W. Martin and family.

Mrs. Peter Eberhart spent Friday visiting with her sisters in Leocompton.

Mrs. James Marlin entertained at a "May Fete" at her home, 12 s. e. corner of the Highland Park school Tuesday evening. His guests were: Miss Kendrick, Esther Morehouse, Alberta Rosen, Florence Marsh, Stella Anderson, Ellis Sumey, Carl Bailey, Donald Waggoner and Theodore Taylor.

Defined. "Pa," said Little Willie, "what is the unit rule?"

"Why—er—why, my boy, it's about the same thing as prevails in this family," said Mr. Silthers, "you may have noticed that whatever your mother says goes."—Judge.

Helpful to Her. "Why wife is tickled half to death over these new scarf styles."

"Why her new scarf approbation?"

"They enable her to cover up two of her three chins."—Kansas City Journal.

WOMEN TO CAMP TO VOTE MAY 31

Training School at Chevy Chase Daet for the Auditorium Bond Election Is Fixed.

Fair Recruits Must Rise at 6:30 in the Morning.

TEACH THEM RED CROSS WORK

Many Prominent Women Prepare for War Service.

Two Weeks' Camp Headed by Mrs. Hugh L. Scott.

Washington, May 6.—On the morning of May 16, early in the morning—at 8:30 o'clock, to be precise—several hundred women will arise to the sound of reveille, don their uniforms, and set about the business of demonstrating at their camp at Chevy Chase, within sight of the dome of the capitol, that getting ready for war is not a man's job alone.



Mrs. James M. Thompson (top) and Miss Callie Hoke Smith.

From reveille to taps, the latter at 9:30 p. m., every day for two weeks will be crammed full of drills, lectures, classes in care of the sick and wounded, and Red Cross work. It will be a matter of stern routine and of unrelenting military precision, sponsored by the women's section of the Navy league.

But it is to be a serious business none the less. Women from Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and many other states have been enrolled for the two weeks' camp at this national service school, the pioneer of its kind, which is expected to set the example for similar schools in other parts of the country.

The camp school at Chevy Chase is being arranged under direction of a committee headed by Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, wife of the chief of staff of the army.

Study Army Work. The classes include elementary hygiene, under direction of Red Cross nurses; first aid to the injured, under Red Cross doctors; preparation of sick diets and making of surgical dressings; signal work and telegraphy, wireless and plain and military callisthenics.

Among the prominent eastern women "recruited" are Mrs. James M. Thompson, daughter of Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark; Miss Callie Hoke Smith, Miss Phyllis Basset Moore, and Mrs. E. L. Wilson, president of the Savannah, Ga., Federation of Women's clubs.

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instructed to call an election and the city clerk was instructed to advertise the fact in the daily papers. The mayor's proclamation and the advertisement will appear within a day or two.

J. Will Kelley, secretary of the Commercial club, appeared before the board and consulted with them as to the exact date to be set and it was finally determined to set the day after and not before Memorial day.

REBEKAH SCHOOL HELD

Twenty-six Certificates of Instruction Are Issued.

The Rebekah school of instruction for District No. 4, was held at Mc-

Louth Friday. The school was conducted by Mrs. Grace Kemper, of Topeka, state president of the Rebekahs. Officers for the district were elected and twenty-six certificates of perfection were issued. A feature of the meeting was the work of the degree staff of Naomi lodge No. 85, of Topeka.

The next meeting for this district will be held at Topeka or Silver Lake subject to a decision of the committee that has the matter in charge. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fannie Hutchins, Silver Lake; vice president, Hattie Seybold, McLouth; secretary, Mabel Swearingen, Topeka, and treasurer, Ida Main, Oakland.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Merchants National Bank

At the Close of Business May 1, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 872,612.57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,639.91
U. S. Bonds	313,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	14,500.00
Other bonds to secure postal savings deposits	12,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	118,474.43
Furniture and fixtures	16,000.00
Real estate owned	7,000.00
Stocks	3,500.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Cash and sight exchange	743,015.55
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Due from Treasurer U. S.	17,072.26
Total	\$2,129,814.72
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund earned	100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,803.32
National Bank Notes outstanding	98,200.00
Deposits	1,821,811.40
	\$2,129,814.72

The foregoing statement is correct.

F. M. BONEBRAKE, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Central National Bank

of Topeka, Kansas

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 1, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and Securities	\$1,970,919.13
Overdrafts	1,522.93
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation	200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	80,000.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	9,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00
Other Real Estate Owned	5,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer	10,000.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	1,631,891.19
	\$3,918,333.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	18,235.69
Circulation	200,000.00
Deposits	3,400,097.56
	\$3,918,333.25

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GEORGE A. GUILD, Cashier.

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